

WHALEY BRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT 1945

To the Chairman & Members of the Whaley Bridge  
Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Lady & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit for your consideration my  
Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary conditions of the district  
during the year ended 31st December, 1945.

Statistics & Social Conditions in the Area.

Total area of Whaley Bridge Urban District (in acres)	-	3,487.
Estimated Population (mid 1945)	-	4,726.
Number of inhabited houses at the end of 1945	-	1,644.
Sum represented by a penny rate.	-	£118.
Rateable Value.	-	£31,734.

For your information I herewith append details of the  
rainfall in your district for the year under review:-

Annual Rainfall in 1945	-	36.06 ins.
Wettest Month - October.	-	5.94 ins.
Driest Month - November.	-	0.71 ins.
Wettest Day - August, 29th.	-	1.40 ins.

Extracts from Vital Statistics for 1945

	Total.	M.	F.
Live Births Legitimate.	63.	32.	31.
Illegitimate.	2.	2.	0.
Still Births.	3.	2.	1.
Birth Rate per 1000 of estimated resident population			- 13.8
"    "    "    "    "    (in England & Wales)			- 16.1
Still Birth Rate per 1000 (Total live & still) births			- 44.1
Death rate per 1000 of estimated average population			- 12.5
"    "    "    "    "    (in England & Wales)			- 11.4
Deaths from Puerperal Causes.			- Nil.
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age.	M.	F.	
Legitimate.	1.	0.	
Illegitimate.	-	-	
Death Rate - All infants per 1000 live births			- 15.4
Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births			- 15.9
Illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate live births			- nil.
	M.	F.	Total.
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	5.	11.	16.
"    "    Measles (all ages)	0.	0.	0.
"    "    Whooping Cough (all ages)	0.	0.	0.
"    "    Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	0.	0.	0.

A good standard of health was maintained throughout the year.



Causes of death are classified as follows:-

	M.	F.	Total.
Tuberculosis.	1.	0.	1.
Influenza.	0.	0.	0.
Cancer.	5.	11.	16.
Intra-Cranial Vascular Lesions.	2.	4.	6.
Heart Disease.	6.	5.	11.
Other Dis. of Circ. System.	1.	0.	1.
Bronchitis.	1.	2.	3.
Pneumonia.	2.	0.	2.
Other Resp. Diseases.	2.	0.	2.
Diabetes.	2.	1.	3.
Ulcer of Stomach.	1.	1.	2.
Other Digestive Diseases.	0.	1.	1.
Nephritis.	1.	3.	4.
Conjen. Debility, Premature Birth, etc.	1.	0.	1.
Violent Causes.	0.	1.	1.
Other Causes.	3.	2.	5.
	<u>28.</u>	<u>31.</u>	<u>59.</u>

### Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Systematic inspections of the district were periodically carried out and all essential services were satisfactorily maintained.

### Water Supply:

The water supply of the district is chiefly composed of upland waters collected and distributed from service reservoirs in different parts of the district, namely, Diglee, Foxhome, Stone Heads, Nook, Leahead and Taxal. All these service reservoirs were emptied and cleaned out during the year.

The number of premises supplied with Council's water was 1456 while 154 premises in the northern part of the district were supplied from the Stockport Corporation main which runs through the district. Thirty four houses only have a private water supply and this total is mainly composed of farms.

All houses using the Council's water have a piped supply laid on to the premises.

Almost every year during the summer months care has to be taken to reduce the waste of water to a minimum to prevent curtailment of supply, so as you are anticipating an appreciable amount of building in this area in the near future I wish again to stress the vital importance that the Council take immediate steps to augment its supplies.

Extensions to the Council's mains were carried out during the year to cater for the erection of houses for this Council on the Reddish Road Site. This extension involved the laying of 130 yards of 3" C.I. main.

### Sewerage:

The sewage is conveyed through the Council's sewers to the sewage disposal works at Furness Vale, the treatment being carried out under the control of the Whaley Bridge & District Joint Sewerage Board.

No complaints have been received concerning the discharged effluent into the River Goyt. The sewers have been maintained in good condition, cleansing and rodding being carried out when necessary.

In December a test bait was carried out in Sewer manholes throughout your district to determine whether any rat infestation was present. As none of the bait was taken it was conclusively proved that the sewers were free from rats.





### Refuse Collection and Disposal.

This work was satisfactorily carried out by direct labour and a good average collection of salvage was maintained.

### Factories Act.

The general health of factory workers remains good and satisfactory conditions have been maintained at all factories in the district.

### Infectious and other Diseases.

The District was very free from infectious diseases. No cases of malaria or dysentery were notified and your district was free from any influenza epidemic during the year. One case of paratyphoid fever was notified. This infection was thought to be contracted by the consumption of ice-cream purchased at a seaside resort. The case was immediately removed to the isolation hospital and no further cases occurred.

No cases of Diphtheria were notified during the year, again proving the effectiveness of Diphtheria immunisation. At the year end 806 children in the area had been immunized against diphtheria, representing 78.3% of the child population. Of the 806 children immunized, 321 were under 5 years of age, 258 between 5 and 10 years of age, and 227 between 10 and 15 years of age. Diphtheria anti-toxin is issued gratuitously. School intimations are regularly received.

#### Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis)

Notifiable Diseases.	Total	0	1	3	5	10	15	20	35	45	60	Host. Cases.	Deaths.
	all ages.	1	3	4	10	15	20	35	45	60	& Over.		
Smallpox.	Nil	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever.	7	-	-	-	2	3	1	1	-	-	-	6	-
Diphtheria.	Nil	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enteric Fever (including paratyphoid)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	Nil	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia.	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	2	-	-
Other dis. generally notifiable:-													
Erysipelas.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Dysentery.	Nil	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia noenatorum	Nil	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles.	74	1	4	4	9	6	44	3	2	1	-	-	-
Whooping Cough.	9	-	-	4	1	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebro Spinal Fever.	Nil	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Dis. notifiable locally.	Nil	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	97	1	4	8	12	10	48	5	5	2	2	7	-

#### Tuberculosis - New Cases & Mortality, 1945.

Age Periods	New Cases.				Deaths			
	Respiratory.		Non-Resp.		Respiratory.		Non-Resp.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 15.	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
15 - 25.	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
25 - 35.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 45.	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 55.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 65.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 - & Over.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3	2	1	1	1	-	-	-




In conclusion, I would like to tender my thanks to the Officials of the Council for the assistance so ably and willingly rendered in connection with my Public Health duties throughout the year.

I have the honour to be,  
Mr. Chairman, Lady & Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant,

FRED GARNET ALLAN,

Medical Officer of Health.

15th August, 1946.



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WHALEY BRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT ON THE SANITARY CONDITIONS OF  
THE DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER,  
1945.

To the Chairman and Members of the Whaley Bridge  
Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Lady & Gentlemen,

I beg to present to you my Annual Report on the  
Sanitary Conditions and a brief summary of work done during  
the year ended 31st December, 1945.

Housing:

Number of new houses provided	-	Nil
Number of houses condemned or closed under Housing Acts.	-	Nil.

Dairies, Cowsheds, etc.

Number of Cowkeepers on Register	-	37.
Number of Cowkeepers holding Accredited Milk Licences	-	10.
Number of Cowkeepers holding Grade A.T.T. Licences	-	1.
Number of Inspections of Cowsheds & Dairies.	-	84.
Number of Informal Notices served	-	2.
Number of nuisances abated.	-	5.

Cowsheds throughout the year were generally maintained  
in good condition and the quality of the milk maintained a fairly  
high level.

Sanitary Inspections.

Number of inspections made.	-	704.
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Defects or Nuisances:-

Number discovered.	-	374.
Number Abated.	-	346.

Number of Notices served:-

Informal Notices.	-	179.
Statutory Notices.	-	10.
Legal Proceedings.	-	Nil.

Details of inspections:-

	Inspections.	Nuisances abated.
Defective Closet Accommodation.	116	61
Defective Ashbins or Ashpits.	87	48
Drainage Defects.	97	81
Defective Roofs, Gutters, etc.	26.	13
Defective Sinks.	15	6
Defective Windows.	12	3
Dampness in Dwellings.	37	14
Other Miscellaneous Housing Defects.	116	40
Offensive Accumulations.	27	12
Urinals.	31	8
Animals Improperly Kept.	9.	2
Other Nuisances.	131	58

Houses Disinfected.

After Scarlet Fever	-	7.
After Other Diseases	-	12.



### Food Inspections.

During the year the following foodstuffs were condemned as unfit for human consumption:-

5 tins of Canadian Pork Loaf.	2 tins of Kam.
4 tins of Pork Sausage Meat.	3 tins of Prem.
1 tin of Minced Beef with Cereals.	2 tins of Brisket.
1 tin of Lamb's Tongues.	7 tins of Evaporated Milk.
1 tin of Stewed Steak.	5 tins of Pilchards.
14 tins of Beans with Pork,	1 tin of Carrots.
2½ lbs. of bacon.	14 tins of Sardines.
291 eggs.	2 tins of Peas.
6 tins of Salmon.	1 tin of Crawfish.
1 tin of Herrings.	1 tin of Ovaltine.
43½ lbs. of Cheese.	1 tin of Mackerel.
92 lbs. of butter.	17 lbs. of Margarine.

### Salvage.

The amounts of salvaged materials collected and disposed of during the year were as follows:-

	Tons.	cwts.	lbs.	Value		
				£.	s.	d.
Waste Paper.	24.	0.	56.	96.	2.	0.
Rags.		6.	0.	1.	10.	0.
Totals.	24.	6.	56.	£97.	12.	0.

I am,  
Sir, Lady & Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant,  
A. McLANE,  
Sanitary Inspector.

16th August, 1946.

